(c) whether it is also a fact that responsibility has never been fixed though the delays adversely affected chances of suitable postings and timely promotions; and

(d) if so, reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that a few teachers could not be considered for promotion to various categories of posts for 1996-97 and 1997-98 for want of complete service records. The ACRs have since been obtained, meetings of DPCs held and panels finalised. Offer of promotions are being issued shortly.

(c) and (d) While it is true that no specific responsibilities have been fixed in such cases, instructions are being issued to ensure that such delays do not affect the seniority of the affected persons and that due care and caution is taken to avoid the recurrence of such cases in future.

Pay increase of University and College Teachers

373. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the recent pay increases given to the Teachers of University and Colleges;

(b) how much burden will this cause on the exchequer;

(c) how do the pay structure compare with the amount of work being done in the other sectors of the economy; and

(d) what steps are being taken to see that the work done will commensurate with the pay given?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMETN (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Government had decided to give the following pay scales to the University and College teachers:—

Category	Revised pay scale
Lecturer	Rs. 8000-275-13500
Lecturer (Senior Scale)	Rs. 10000-325-15200
Lecturer (Selection Grade)/ Reader	Rs. 12000-375-18000
Reader (Selection Grade)	Rs. 14300-400-18300
Professor/College Principals	Rs. 16400-450-20000
Senior Professor	Rs. 18400-500-22400
Vice-Chancellor	Rs. 25000 (Fixed)

(b) The revised pay scales, as indicated above, including the arrears and pensions would have cost the exchequer and additional estimated amount of Rs. 277.60 crores during 1998-99 to meet its liability towards the payment to the Central University teachers and Rs. 1974.00 crores for the State University and College teachers. Thus, the total estimated additional burden on the exchequer during 1998-99 would have been Rs. 2251.60 crores.

(c) and (d) As regards the other conditions of service like work load accountability, performance appraisal, etc. the Government have decided to set up a Committee to look into the matter and help evolve a self-regulatory mechanism aimed at quality upgradation on a continuing basis.

In the meantime, Government have received representation from the various teachers' association against the announced pay scales as also certain directions from the Delhi High Court for re-consideration of the matter. No final view has yet been taken in the matter.

Schools in Karnataka covered under Mid-day Meal Scheme

374. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the schools in Karnataka have been covered by mid-day meal scheme and if not, the number of schools which have not been covered so far; and

(b) the time by when these will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR

JOSHI): (a) According to information received from Government of Karnataka, all the 40336 Government and 3382 aided primary schools in Karnataka have been covered under the Midday Meal Scheme during 1998-99.

(b) Does not arise.

उच्च शिक्षा पर कर

375. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिनांक 10 जून, 1997 के "नवभारत टाइम्स" में "उच्च शिक्षा पर कर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा.मुरली मनोहर जोशी) : (क) और (ख) अभी तक सरकार ने ऐसा कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Grant given to Netaji Research Bureau

376. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1996, the Central Government have given a grant of Rs. 6,25,00,000 (Rupees six crores and twenty five lakhs) to the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta;

(b) if so, the specific purpose for sanctioning this grant; and

(c) whether the Bureau has prepared and submitted any blue-print of the work prepared with this money and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Government of India had in 1996 received a Plan toghether with cost estimates and Architects drawings of the proposed preservation, alterations, additions & new construction of Netaji Bhawan Complex from the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta. However, the Government of India had sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees three crore) only during 1996-97 towards corpus fund of the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta. In the Order sanctioning the amount, it was made clear that Netajji Research Bureau would utilize the interest accruing from the corpus fund solely towards the maintenance expenditure of the Bureau. The Order does not in any way permit the utilization of the corpus fund by the Bureau.

UGC schemes for coaching classes

377. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagpur University in Maharashtra is implementing the UGC schemes for coaching classes for Civil Services and other examinations held by UPSC and State PSCs for SC, ST and minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how may SC, ST and minority candidates after getting coaching from the said University were successful in different competitive examinations during the last three years with year-wise details;

(d) whether UGC scheme has succeeded in the University; and

(e) if not, the remedial steps proposed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Strike by Delhi University Teachers

378. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers of Delhi University have been on strike even during examination days;

(b) if so, the action proposed against ignoring duties towards the students and to the nation; and

(c) in what manner the situation is proposed to be tackled?